

CHRISTIAN CLICHÉ'S AND SAYINGS

At best they're _____, _____ Biblical truths

At worst they're _____ and potentially damaging clichés used to put a

Most of these involve the word “_____”

- It implies a singular, typically easy solution

They are told to lost, hurt, confused, angry, sad, distressed, or lonely people

Most of these have good intent and a basic Biblical foundation to them.

I. “Just trust God”

- What does trusting God look like?

- Each person has a different struggle and a different situation that _____

- Throwing a blanket statement over people minimizes and reduces what the person is going through to a broad saying that misses the individual circumstances

- What are some situations that require trusting God?

II. “You need to lay it all at the cross”

- This phrase seems to take on an added _____ factor

- Laying something brings the image of _____ and getting rid of your weight

-However, are we ever told that we are going to be _____?

- _____ says that we will find rest with Christ, but not an empty back and shoulders

-What will our burden look like according to Matthew 11:28-30?

III. "Just follow God's will"

-What is God's will?

-Hidden, strange, mysterious, and hard to find?

-Matthew 6:25-34: Do not be _____ about tomorrow, rather seek first the

"Make sure you're in the center of God's will"

-Implies you can act _____ of God's control

"Listen to God and do His will"

-How do you listen to God's will?

-Examples of times you are told to "listen to God's will":

"Just Do Something", page 61: "Simply put, God's will is your growth in Christlikeness"

IV. "Let go and let God"

-What is our part in God's will?

-We are not to sit back and be _____ in all we do

-In Acts, a lot of Paul's movements from place to place were by

-A theology of hesitancy and second-guessing until being absolutely sure of a choice leads to anxiety, fear, and a greater dependence on external factors rather than God and His power

V. "You shouldn't be angry at God"

-Is it _____, or _____? Both?

-What would it look like to express your anger to God rather than becoming bitter?

-Jeremiah in Lamentations 3

-Where does his anger take him in the end?

Kevin DeYoung, “Just Do Something”, 2009

Group Questions!

- What other “clichés” have you heard? Which ones have people told you?

- What does it look like for you to trust God?

- What are your thoughts about God’s will? Describe an experience where you clearly knew God’s will, or a time when you were at a loss trying to see God’s will.

- How have you handled being angry at God?

- What can you change about what you say to avoid these in the future?

- What can you say/do that will better communicate Biblical truths?